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For   :   **Muscle-Derived Cell-Mediated Gene Transfer for Treating Muscle- or Bone-Related Injury or Dysfunction**

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE
OCTOBER 24, 2002 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the October 24, 2002 non-final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. Also filed concomitantly herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time (3 months) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the Extension of Time fee as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

The Amendment is submitted in revised format, as currently permitted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to the notice in the Official Gazette of the U.S.P.T.O., Vol. 1267, No. 4, February 25, 2003.

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It is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered and

considered by the Examiner at the time of examination of this application.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

Muscle-Derived <u>Cells (MDCs)</u> ~~Cell-Mediated Gene Transfer~~ for Treating Muscle- or

Bone-Related Injury or Dysfunction.

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